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For: POLYMERIC STENT USEFUL FOR THE TREATMENT OF THE SALIVARY
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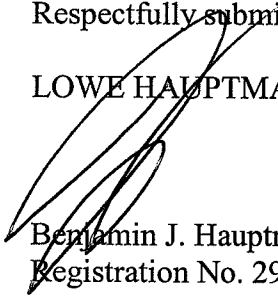
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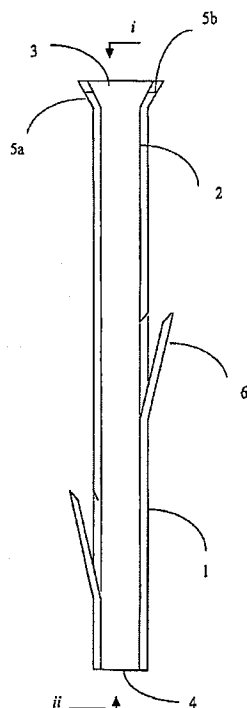
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A polymeric stent, especially useful in surgical endoscopy and for the treatment of salivary gland ducts comprising; an elongated tube (1), wherein the proximal end (3) of said tube is having a funnel-like shape; and wherein said funnel further comprise at least one gorge (5a), which enables the suturing of said stent to said duct. The invention also relates to a method for implanting the polymeric stent into the lumen of a salivary gland duct.

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